



UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

Shooting, 800 N. Milpas Street Suspect In Custody

SANTA BARBARA, CA – May 20, 2013

On May 17, 2013, at 9:15 a.m., an 18-year old male Santa Barbara area gang member was arrested by SBPD Youth Services Section detectives for attempt murder with a gang enhancement and other related felonies stemming from the shooting incident that occurred on 800 N. Milpas Street on May 14, 2013. This suspect is believed to be responsible for the shooting. He was arrested while making a court appearance at Santa Barbara Superior Court.

SBPD detectives can now confirm that this is a gang incident; however, it does not appear related to the previous day's stabbing of a gang member on 900 E. Gutierrez Street. The Police Department has still not received any indication of anyone being struck by gunfire during the event.

The suspect was booked at Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$700,000.00. This investigation is ongoing; the booking photo and additional details are being withheld.

SANTA BARBARA, CA – May 15, 2013

On May 14, 2013, at 3:18 p.m., the Santa Barbara Police Department's Combined Communications Center received calls of a gunshot heard and man with a rifle seen running from the vicinity of Taco Bell Restaurant at 821 N. Milpas Street. The man, described as a Hispanic male wearing a white or gray colored shirt and a baseball hat, was last seen running westbound on 800 E. De La Guerra Street.

Police officers responded, searched the area, and contacted witnesses. Several news sources reported that a man wearing a hospital gown was transported to the Police Station from 800 E. De La Guerra Street. That subject was interviewed at the Police Station and released. A number of other witnesses were also interviewed at the station.

SBPD's Nixle audience received e-mail and text message alerts informing them of the police activity and advising them to use caution and to avoid the area if possible.

Initial reports that Santa Barbara High School and Santa Barbara Junior High School were in lockdown were incorrect. Staffs on both campuses were notified of the incident; however the schools were not placed in lockdown mode.

Investigation indicates that at the time of the incident a gunshot or gunshots were fired at a vehicle. The Police Department has not received any indication of anyone being struck by gunfire. Despite much speculation, at this time investigators cannot confirm that this is a gang incident. Presently, no one is in custody. This investigation is ongoing and additional details are being withheld.

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